Bryan Students Host 123 High School Guests

More than 150 guests from 15 states were entertained at Bryan for the Valentine week end. Of these, 123 were high school students who shared college life with the students in the dormitories and dining room and also participated in a busy schedule of activities planned especially for them. Other guests were parents, pastors, alumni, and friends who brought the young people to the campus.

Members of the student council under the supervision of Wayne Dixon, president, welcomed the guests, helped them to register, and directed them to their assigned rooms for the week end.

The guests were initiated into college life with an all-school Valentine party on Friday night and then saw the more formal side at the sweetheart banquet on Saturday night in the college dining hall. Following the banquet, a musicale in the chapel included two features: the Madrigal Singers, a new chorus of twelve students who sang several secular arrangements, and the one-act comic opera, “Rita,” by Donizetti, which was performed by Karen Worrell, soprano soloist from Columbus, Ind., and Prof. Daryle Worley, tenor soloist.

The Bryan Lions provided one of their spectator thrillers on the basketball floor Saturday afternoon as they held Mars Hill College of North Carolina in check for a two-point victory. Concluding the week end events on Sunday afternoon was the vesper service in the college chapel with Howard Park ’55, alumni field representative, as devotional speaker. Two of the guests, June and Madge Porter of Greenville, S.C., shared in the special musical program along with college student musicians.

This year’s response of high school visitors represents a substantial increase over last year and a similar number in other previous years. Twenty-one of the visitors have already applied for admission next fall to make the total number of applications approximately 15 per cent higher than last year at this time, according to Miss Zelpha Russell, director of admissions and chairman of the week end activities.

Pastors and youth directors who came to the campus included Rev. Charles Olsen, youth director at Immanuel Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Olsen; Rev. David Anderson, pastor of the Wadhwams Baptist Church of Port Huron, Mich., and Mrs. Anderson; Rev. B. L. Coy, assistant pastor at the First Baptist Church, Wayne, Mich., and Mrs. Coy; Rev. Charles H. Robinson, pastor, First Baptist Church of Jackson, Tenn., and Mrs. Robinson; Mr. and Mrs. John Douglas, youth directors at Curtis Baptist Church, Augusta, Ga. Several alumni who were among the guests included Douglas ’59 and Lois (Williams ’61) White, Huntington, W. Va.; George and Linda (Williams ’61) Rogier, Atlanta, Ga.; Hugo ’51 and Lois (Shane x’54) Gingrich, Wadsworth, Ohio; Joanne Rankin x’56, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Maurice Allen ’63, Kokomo, Ind.; Kent Juillard ’62, Stryker, Ohio; and John Rynders ’61, Orlando, Fla.

Dr. H. H. VanCleve, pastor of Edgemont Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tenn., will be the speaker for the annual Bryan birthday banquet scheduled for Saturday evening, March 14, at 6:30 p.m., in the college dining room. This is the college celebration held each spring honoring the memory of William Jennings Bryan, whose birthday anniversary falls on March 19.

Dr. VanCleve is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute in the class of 1921 and of Princeton Theological Seminary, class of 1925. He has held pastorates in Butler, Grove City, Altoona, and Pittsburgh, Pa. For twenty years he served as executive secretary of the Western Pennsylvania Bible Conference. He is currently serving as a director of the National Association of Evangelicals. Dr. Alma Rader, retired Bryan Bible teacher, was associated with Dr. VanCleve in Butler, while she was general secretary at the YWCA.

Following recent practice, in addition to highlighting the inherent purpose of special occasions, the banquet will be used to inform the college family of some aspect of contemporary Christianity. Because he is a director of the National Association of Evangelicals, Dr. VanCleve’s address will include something of the purpose and work of that organization, and literature will be made available on this subject.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

May 31 - June 2

Baccalaureate Preacher
DR. E. B. KEISLER

Commencement Speaker
DR. VERNON GROUNDS
LONG-TIME BRYAN FRIENDS CALLED HOME

Dr. E. V. Howell, pastor of Elsmere Baptist Church, Erlanger, Ky., and a longtime friend of Bryan College, passed away on January 7. Prior to his eleven-year ministry at the Elsmere church, Dr. Howell had been pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Ohio, for eight years.

Born in Ohio and living for a time in Mexico, he lived principally in West Virginia after the death of his parents in his early youth. Going to Georgia, he met the future Mrs. Howell in Atlanta. After their marriage, Dr. Howell was ordained to the Christian ministry in Wilmington, N.C. Later he also served in West Virginia. His service for the Lord was characterized by immense energy, versatility of talent, and fruitful results.

Besides his pastoral work, Dr. Howell frequently carried on a ministry of evangelism; he was both a singer and brass instrumentalist; and his broad interests ranged into such fields as archaeology and nature study. His slides and lectures, growing out of his trip to the Holy Land and his other travels, are examples of the extras with which he enriched his life.

Besides Mrs. Howell, Dr. Howell is survived by his four children—two daughters: Mrs. Jacquclyn Oakland, San Diego, Cal.; and Mrs. Charlene Ryle, ‘58; and two sons: Melvin Bellflower, Cal., and Carroll, Hilliard, Ohio—and a sister, Mrs. A. L. Brown, Tampa, Fla.

Dr. Howell’s contact with Bryan dates back more than two decades. Among the students whom he influenced to attend Bryan are his two daughters: Mrs. Jacqueilyn Oakland, ’50, and Mrs. Rock, ’53; three Sorrell sisters: Mrs. Charlene Ryle, ’58, Mrs. Greta Carignon, ’60, and Sandra, ’63; Gayle Ryle, ’58; David Gilbert, x’64; William McKinley, ’59; and Pearl Wallace, ’63.

Dr. Howell was also a director of Piedmont Bible Institute, Winston-Salem, N. C., for many years; and in recognition of his invaluable service to Piedmont, he was recipient four years ago of the first honorary degree ever conferred by that institution.

On March 22, the Bryan choir will sing a memorial concert at the Elsmere church to honor Dr. Howell. Mrs. Howell is donating to the college science department her husband’s large collection of nature slides as a memorial gift. Dr. Mercer, Bryan’s president, represented the college at Dr. Howell’s funeral on January 9 and was one of three ministers conducting the funeral. The other ministers were Rev. Randall H. Carroll, Portsmouth, Ohio, and Evangelist Jack McClure, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Chapter Fellowship Spurs Alumni Interest

The work of the Alumni Association is moving forward this year under the leadership of its president, Ray Childress, ’55, who is also president of Southland Bible Institute, Pikeville, Ky. The personal and group contacts of Mickey Park, ’55, alumni field representative, have been augmented by the activities of several area chapters. The following events are representative of chapter activities during the current year.

The Upper East Tennessee chapter with headquarters in Knoxville held its seventh anniversary dinner on February 1 at Pierce’s restaurant in Graysville with members of the Bryan Student Council as special guess. Dr. William Green, dean of Malone College, Canton, Ohio, and former Bible and psychology teacher at Bryan, as guest speaker for the occasion, pointed out the distinctive and valuable features of higher education in a Christian college.

Also on February 1 a group of alumni and friends in the Akron, Ohio, area met with Dr. Mercer, Bryan’s president, and a student team of musicians at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hartschuh, x’43.

In Atlanta, Ga., February 22 was the date of a meeting in the home of Kenneth, x’57, and Faye, x’58, Bean with Mickey Park as alumni representative bringing a report and showing pictures of recent developments on the campus.

The local Dayton area chapter met for a covered dish supper on Thursday, May 5, with featured speakers including both the past and present alumni association presidents, Thomas Taylor, ’54, and Ray Childress, ’55.

The Tri-State chapter of Chattanooga area planned its sixth anniversary dinner for March 14 at Fehn’s Restaurant with Rev. W. Earle Stevens, pastor of Chattanooga’s Westminster Presbyterian Church, as speaker.

Plans are being made for meetings of alumni in connection with the College Choir tour in Ohio and Michigan during the spring vacation between March 21 and 30. The Cincinnati area alumni will meet with prospective students and other friends at Elsmere Baptist Church on Saturday evening, March 21, and other fellowship gatherings will be planned in conjunction with the choir schedule given elsewhere in this issue.
Six senior students have been chosen by the faculty for membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Students are selected on the basis of outstanding citizenship and scholarship.

**Wayne Dixon**

Wayne Dixon, Alcoa, Tenn., a biology major, has been one of the leading basketball players during his four years at Bryan and co-captain of the team for three years. He set two college records in basketball this year with 20 field goals in one game and with the most points accumulated over his four years as a starter. During his senior year he is president of the Student Council. Wayne's wife, the former Phyllis Frykman, of Wheaton, Ill., is also a member of the class of 1964.

**Onalee Gerard**

Onalee Gerard, Greensburg, Pa., serves as one of the student hostesses in the college dining hall and acts as secretary for her senior class. She is majoring in elementary education and maintaining a high academic average.

**Kirby Heglar**

Kirby Heglar, Salisbury, N.C., has held the position of assistant to the Dean of Women for the past two years. She was secretary-treasurer of the Student Council during her sophomore year. She is an honor student majoring in elementary education and still has had time for active participation in intramural sports.

**Walter Reichner**

Walter Reichner, Roslyn, Pa., is Student Council vice-president and a senior dorm counsellor. During his first three years he lettered in cross country and track. A biology major, Walter has been active in Christian service and during his junior year was president of the Bryan chapter of Foreign Missions Fellowship.

**Leslie Stone**

Leslie Stone, Hazard, Ky., has been a student dormitory proctor for two years and has participated in many student committees and athletic activities. She is an English major and served her senior class as treasurer. Last summer she traveled with a student group from different Christian schools to share in a literature distribution project in Mexico City.

**Lois Zartman**

Lois Groeneveld Zartman, Dorr, Mich., has maintained an exceptionally high academic average while carrying sufficient hours to complete her college work in three years. She is majoring in elementary education.
BRYAN LIONS FINISH SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Bryan Lions climaxed the roundball season with a convincing win over John Marshall College to even their record at 14 wins and as many defeats. After a slow start, 5-8, before the Christmas holidays, the scrappy Lions fought back to an impressive post-Christmas record of nine wins and six losses in which three of the losses were by one point.

Captain Frank Mercer led the team in almost every category. He cleared the boards an average of 9.5 times a game, scored the most total points for the season as well as most points per game average with 19.1, and shot an amazing field goal percentage of .62. Currently Frank is ranked ninth in the nation in field goal percentage according to the National Athletic Bureau statistics. The 6'3" junior also leads the team in shooting of fouls, with 77. Co-captain Wayne Dixon is just behind Mercer in total points and game average with 17 points per game. Dixon has compiled more points over a four year period as a starter than any player in the history of Bryan College. He also holds the school record for the most field goals in one game (20). Lonas Stubbs is second in rebounds with a 6.2 and Oscar Perry ripped the cords for a high respect-able 48% from the field.

Highlights of the season include: the near upset of highly favored University of Chattanooga on their own floor; the overtime victory over Campbellsville and former teammate Jerry Clay; the 207 total point production the night our junior varsity and varsity teams scored over 100 points each; winning four out of five overtimes; the loss to Jacksonville State by one point in overtime after having three field goals called back in the overtime at Jacksonville; Frank Mercer’s 37 point total against Howard College; the team high of 108 points against John Marshall.

With the loss of only one senior, Wayne Dixon, the Bryan Lions and Coach Cleve Oliver are looking forward to the 1964-65 season.

The coach would be glad to receive the names of high school seniors or juniors who are capable athletes and would like to share their Christian testimony through athletics while receiving their liberal arts education.

Musical Groups Make Spring Concert Tours

Two musical groups will represent the College this spring during the vacation period, March 21-31. The college choir will travel north to Ohio and Michigan, while the smaller ensemble will make a southern tour. The schedules are listed below as far as completed at press time.

COLLEGE CHOIR ITINERARY
Sat., 21 Alumni and Friends Supper 5:30 p.m. Erlanger, Ky.
Sun., 22 Elsmere Baptist Church 11:00 a.m. 226 Garvey Avenue Erlanger, Ky.
Sun., 22 Patterson Park Brethren Church 7:00 p.m. 708 Shadowlawn Ave. Dayton, Ohio
Mon., 23 OPEN
Tue., 24 Brown Street Baptist Church 7:30 p.m. 541 Brown Street Akron 11, Ohio
Wed., 25 First Baptist Church 7:00 p.m. 36125 Glenwood Road Wayne, Mich.
Thu., 26 OPEN
Fri., 27 Inter-City Baptist Church 7:00 p.m. 4710 Allen Road Allen Park, Mich.
Sat., 28 Youth for Christ 7:00 p.m. Jefferson Elementary School Manistee, Mich.
Sun., 29 Muskegon Area Easter Sunrise 7:00 a.m. Muskegon, Mich.
Sun., 29 Muskegon Heights Baptist Church 11:00 a.m. Muskegon, Mich.
Sun., 29 Muskegon Heights Baptist Church 7:00 p.m. Evanston Avenue Baptist Church 1198 Evanston Avenue Muskegon, Mich.
Sat., 21 Youth for Christ 7:45 p.m. Art Assoc. Auditorium Atlanta, Ga.
Sun., 22 Third Street Baptist Church 11:00 a.m. Third St. and Eighth Ave. Cordele, Ga.
Mon., 23 OPEN
Tue., 24 Calvary Baptist Church 7:30 p.m. E. Highway 50 Union Park, Fla.
Wed., 25 Downey Memorial Church 7:30 p.m. 45th Street Baptist Church 1198 Evanston Avenue Muskegon, Mich.
Thu., 26 CEMC Luncheon Noon Orlando, Fla.
Eve. Barth Baptist Church 500 N. Bumby Orlando, Fla.
Fri., 27 Union Good Friday Service Noon Bartow, Fla.
Eve. OPEN
Sat., 28 Youth for Christ Noon Bartow, Fla.
Sun., 29 Wildwood Baptist Church Sun., 29 OPEN 4:00 p.m. Lakeview Orange, Fla.
A.M. Wildwood Baptist Church 4:00 p.m.Evangelical Free Church 842 S. Tennessee Ave. Lakeland, Fla.
P.M. Union Good Friday Service 7:30 p.m. Union Good Friday Service 842 S. Tennessee Ave. Lakeland, Fla.

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